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Honorable George Bush  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

This letter concerns this Department's ongoing investigation of Ambassador Richard M. Helms and other individuals. You may recall that on August 13, 1976, I wrote to you requesting your assistance with this investigation.

I know your assistance has helped, but Criminal Division investigators, I am told, are still experiencing delay in obtaining complete, accurate responses to their requests. In addition, certain material has been deleted from documents sent to the Criminal Division without a claim of privilege or national security classification. In some other instances, furthermore, material has been withheld on national security grounds, but, so far as we can tell, with no reasonable explanation for such a claim.

In light of the President's stated position on this matter, it would be most helpful if you would ask those of your staff who are working with the Criminal Division investigators promptly to release to them all material pertinent to this investigation that cannot under the circumstances reasonably be kept classified. I am sure you agree with this position and I would greatly appreciate your help in expediting this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Edward H. Levi  
Attorney General

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